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Lesson Six

Live a Life Rooted in Messiah

Colossians 2:13-23

In chapter one Paul tell the congregation in Colosse that Yahweh kept a secret hidden for generations. And that secret was that He would bring Jews and gentiles together under the messiah.

Colossians 1:27 CJB

To them God wanted to make known how great among the Gentiles is the glorious richness of this secret. And the secret is this: the Messiah is united with you people! In that rests your hope of glory!

However, knowing the awesome plan and the grace of Elohim and his love for the gentiles, Paul begins chapter two by stating the **struggle** and **agony** he had for believers in Colosse, Laodicea and for all believers.

Colossians 2:1 TLV

I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those in Laodicea, as well as for those who have still not seen me face to face.

No doubt, this agony and concern for the believers was because of the false teacher who were trying to lead them away from the true knowledge of messiah.

If we are **not alert**, we will easily be led down the wrong road by false doctrine, and doctrine of demons. **Satan**, the god of this world, still transforms himself into an angel of light, thus deceiving many in believing his lies.

2 Corinthians 4:4 TLV

(4) In their case, the **god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, so they might not see the light of the Good News of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of God.

In verses 2 we see that

Paul's intense struggling for the believers was because he wanted their hearts to be **encouraged** and **knitted together in love**. He wanted them to have a true knowledge of the **secret of Elohim**, and of **the Father**, and of **the Messiah**. so, they would not be deceived by enticing words.

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Colossians 2:2 CJB

My **purpose** is that they may be encouraged, that they may be joined together in love, and that they may have all the riches derived from being assured of **understanding** and **fully knowing** God's secret truth, which is—the Messiah!

The Gnostics were stressing the important of knowledge. However, Paul tells us the kind of knowledge we really need. We need to fully know Yeshua, Yahweh's secret truth. Yeshua who was sent from the father to deliver **all** men from sin.

It was a **well-kept secret** from both the Jews and the gentiles. However, it was revealed in Elohim's own timing.

John makes know Elohim's purpose in sending his son to the earth when he said in chapter 3:16.

John 3:16 (Halleluyah Scriptures)

"For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that **everyone** who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.

That **everyone** includes all who come to Elohim by faith in Yeshua.

Therefore, our goal **should be** to come to a **full knowledge of Yeshua**. And when we fully know Yeshua, we will fully know the father, Yahweh as well. Because Yeshua is the express image of him.

Colossians 2:9 CJB

(9) For in him (Yeshua), bodily, lives the fullness of all that God (Elohim) is.

In verses 6 and 7 Paul says we should stay connected with Yeshua and remain deeply rooted in him.

Colossians 2:6-7 CJB

(6) Therefore, just as you received the Messiah Yeshua as Lord, keep living your life united with him. Remain **deeply rooted** in him; continue **being built** up in him and confirmed in your trust, the way you were taught, so that you overflow in thanksgiving.

Being deeply rooted **in messiah** assures us that we will not be carried away by **false** doctrines.

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Being **knitted together in love** will prevent the enemy from getting a foothold in the congregation. Because when we are knitted together there is unity, connection, and consolidation. There will be a **unified effort** of the members to **defeat Satan** and to fulfill the great commission of preaching the good news to **all people**, in **all the world**, that the Lord make possible.

In other words, we will be **one**, as Yeshua asked the father to make us in **John chapter 17**.

Satan specializes in causing division in the congregation. He specializes in stirring up trouble **among believers**. Whereby we argue, fight, speak evil of, disagree with, become hostile, to the point where we cannot accomplish Elohim's Kingdom business here on earth, as we have been appointed and assigned to do.

When you keep living your life **united** with Messiah. When you Remain **deeply rooted** in him such friction and division will not take place.

Paul warns us in Colossians v.8.

Colossians 2:8 CJB

Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of **philosophy** and empty deceit, following **human tradition** which accords with the **elemental** spirits of the world but **does not accord** with the Messiah.

Tradition of man has always been a problem in religion. Yeshua dealt with the **oral tradition** in Judaism when he ministered here on earth. The religious teachers and leaders were constantly opposing him and **criticizing** him for healing on sabbaths and things he and his disciples did that was contrary to their **oral** teaching.

Yeshua, the light, came into the world to show us the correct way to live, and they plotted to kill him because they didn't want to change from their tradition.

John 3:19 CJB

(19) "Now this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, but people loved the **darkness** rather than the light. Why? Because their actions were wicked.

Things have **not changed** much since Yeshua contented with tradition.

We are still contending with tradition **today**. We still have believers who are not open to change. They are **stuck in traditions** that has been handed

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down to us from the church fathers, and not according to the word of the Lord. Tradition is so embedded in the congregation, that many immediately close their mind off when they hear things being taught contrary to their traditional way of thinking.

Great men who brought about the reformation, also infiltrated the congregation with some of their **own personal interpretation** of scripture which have been passed down to us today and have caused many to walk in error.

One such **false doctrine** is replacement theology taught by **John Calvin**. He taught that the gentile church has replaced Israel in Elohim's plan. Whereas scripture is **very clear** that gentiles have **not** replaced Israel but have become **equal** partners with them.

Romans 11:17 CJB

(17) But if some of the branches were broken off, and you—a wild olive—**were grafted in** among them and have **become equal sharers** in the rich root of the olive tree,

Satan, the devious, dangerous, enemy of man, **blinds** believers to what is really taught in scriptures and seduces them into following man-made **tradition**.

Colossians 2:8 CJB

Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of **philosophy** and empty deceit, following **human tradition** which accords with the **elemental spirits** of the world but **does not accord** with the Messiah.

Those who are united with the messiah have **died** to the elementary spirits of the world. Therefore, they should not still be in bondage to them.

Colossians 2:20-22 CJB

(20) If, along with the Messiah, you **died** to the **elemental spirits** of the world, then why, as if you still belonged to the world, are you letting yourselves be bothered by **its rules?**—

In addition to Gnosticism there were some **messianic Jews** in the congregation at Colosse, who still held on to the old way of approaching Yahweh, through **circumcision and rituals**. Apparently, they were telling the gentile believers that faith in Yeshua was **not** enough. They needed to follow the initiation required for gentiles to become **proselyte's** into Judaism.

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There were **three** elements of a Gentile proselyte's initiation into Judaism during Paul's time.

1. The men must be **circumcised**
2. The candidate must **immerge (baptized)** himself in a "ritual bath" and
3. To offering a **sacrifice** at the Temple.

Therefore, Paul explained to the congregation that faith in Yeshua was **all** they need now because,

- In Yeshua, they received the circumcision that was required;
- they received the baptism that was required, and
- in Yeshua the **required sacrifice** was performed.

Colossians 2:10 TS2009

(10) and you have been made complete in Him, who is the Head of all principality and authority.

Colossians 2:11 CJB

(11) Also it was in union with him that you were circumcised with a circumcision **not done** by human hands, but accomplished by stripping away the **old nature's control** over the body. In this circumcision done by the Messiah,

This circumcision that was performed on us by Yeshua was the cutting away our old nature's control over our body. After cutting it away we become new. Sin no longer have control over us.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (H.S.)

(17) Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a **renewed creature** – the old have passed away, see, all have become renewed!

Colossians 2:12 CJB

(12) you were buried along with him by being immersed; and in union with him, you were also raised up along with him by God's faithfulness that worked when he raised Yeshua from the dead.

Baptism is regarded as the burial of the old carnal life, which corresponds To the act of **immersion symbolically**.

Colossians 2:13 CJB

(13) You were **dead because of your sins**, that is, because of your "foreskin," your old nature. But God made you alive along with the Messiah by **forgiving** you all your sins.

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We were considered dead because of our sin. We were estranged from Elohim. Paul reminds us of this also in Ephesians.

Ephesians 2:1-4 CJB

- (1) You used to be **dead** because of your sins and acts of disobedience.
- (2) You walked in the **ways of the ways of world** and obeyed the Ruler of the **Powers of the Air**, who is still at work among the disobedient.

Remember, Paul have been addressing **gentile** believers in Messiah. both in Colosse as well as in Ephesus. He said We gentiles was lost with no hope until the messiah came. We were **dead in sin** and was under **Satan's** influence and we did what Satan told us to do.

But notice in **verse 3**. Paul places himself and the Jews in the **same category**.

Ephesians 2:3-4 CJB

- (3) Indeed, **we all** once lived this way—we followed the passions of **our old nature** and obeyed the wishes of our **old nature** and our own thoughts. In our **natural** condition we were headed for God's wrath, **just like everyone else**.
- (4) But God is so rich in mercy and **loves us** with such intense love

This **"we"** that Paul is speaking of is the Jewish people. Not only were gentiles in bondage to Satan and walked in the ways of the world, but Jews did the same thing. We are **all** in the same category. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of Elohim. We all must be saved by grace through faith in the Messiah.

Therefore, Paul says we have all been made **new** in messiah. We were once under Satan's dominion, dancing by his music, but Yeshua put him **out of business**. He stripped away Satan's authority over us.

Colossians 2:15 CJB

(15) Having stripped the **principalities and the authorities**, He made a public display of them, having **prevailed** over them in it.

It was customary for Roman victors to lead their captives in a procession and make a **public spectacle of them**; After **triumphing over** their enemies and **stripping** them **of their power**.

This is what Yeshua did when he triumphed on the demonic forces.in Ephesian chapter 4, Paul says Yeshua led a **group of prisoners**.

Ephesians 4:8 CJB

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(8) This is why it says, "After he went up into the heights, he led **captivity captive** and he gave gifts to mankind."

Ephesians 4:8 [Power N.T.]

8. For this reason it says, "When He ascended into the high places **He turned the tables on your enemies in warfare.**

William Morford says:

"The literal is "turned captivity captive" which is a Hebrew idiom for "turn the tables on your enemies in warfare".

In other words, he conquered our enemies and make a **public display** of them.

Satan no longer has any power **over us**, unless we allow him to have. Yeshua has set us free from the **Satan's kingdom** and has **transferred** us into the kingdom of his dear son, Yeshua.

Therefore, we need to remember that since we have been set free, we must **live our lives** deeply rooted in the messiah, and not give in to man-made rule and regulation.

Colossians 2:20-22 CJB

(20) If, along with the Messiah, you **died** to the **elemental spirits** of the world, then why, as if you still belonged to the world, are you letting yourselves be bothered **by its rules?**—

(21) "Don't touch this!" "Don't eat that!" "Don't handle the other!"

(22) Such prohibitions are concerned with things meant to perish by being used [*not by being avoided!*], and they are based on **man-made** rules and teachings.

The Colossians believers **seemed to have been on the verge** of giving in to these false teachers and their legalistic rules.

Therefore, Paul warned them to **be alert** and not to give in to their self-made form of worship, even though it might seem pious. Their type of worship was outside the boundaries of the body of messiah. they refused to be connected to Yeshua, who is the head of the congregation.

Colossians 2:18-19 CJB

(18) Don't let anyone **deny you the prize** by insisting that you engage in

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self-mortification or angel-worship. Such people are always going on about **some vision they have** had, and they **vainly puff themselves** up by their worldly outlook.

(19) They **fail** to hold to the **Head**, from whom the whole Body, receiving supply and being held together by its joints and ligaments, **grows as God makes it grow**.

The congregation or body of messiah receives its nourishment from Yeshua. The congregation is being held together by Yeshua. Those who are united and deeply rooted in Yeshua will not easily be led astray by this form of worship.

Colossians 2:23 CJB

These indeed have an **appearance of wisdom** in self-imposed worship, humiliation and harsh treatment of the body – of no value at all, only for satisfaction of the flesh.

We have many teacher and preachers in the congregation today, who call attention to themselves. It's all about what **"the Lord told me"**. The fake humility is only a coverup for **their pride**. They may appear to be wise, but it is only superficialities.

The only wisdom we need **is the wisdom** that come from the father above and is provided for us in Yeshua. When we are in Yeshua, we have everything we need to live victorious.

So, let your **roots go down** deeply in messiah, and live your lives to please him only. You were once in sin, but now you have been set free.

Yahweh has transferred you out of the kingdom of **darkness** and transferred you into the kingdom of his son.

You are royalty. You are children of the king of kings.

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Questions from Lesson Six [chapter 2]

I. What was the secret that Yahweh hid from the Jews and gentiles?

He was to bring the gentiles and Jews together in Messiah.

II. in **Colossians 2:2**, what three things did Paul want the believers to have which caused him to struggle so intensely.

1. he wanted them **to be encouraged** _____
2. he wanted them **to be joined together in love**
3. He wanted them **to fully understand** the **secret of Elohim**, and of **the Father**, and of **the Messiah**.

III. In **Colossians 2:8**, the believers were warned not to be held captive by what?

1. **Philosophy**

2. **Empty deceit**

IV. In **Colossians 2:11-12** what three elements of a Gentile **proselyte's** initiation into Judaism during Paul's time. That Yeshua performed for gentile who believed in Yeshua.

- a) ----Circumcise _____
- b) ----Baptist _____
- c) ----Sacrifice _____

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Lesson Seven [part one] Let No One Disqualify You Colossians 2:14, 16-17

In today's lesson, I am focusing primarily on **three** verses. Because of controversies surrounding these verses, I felt they need special attention.

Colossians 2:14,16-17 [Hallelujah Scriptures]

(14) having blotted out that which was written by **hand against us** – by the **dogmas** [**regulations, ordinance or decrees**]- which stood against us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the stake.

(16) Let no one therefore judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths –

(17) which are a shadow of what is to come – but the Body of the Messiah.

In chapter two of Colossians, Paul reminds us that because of sin we were **considered dead**. We were estranged from Elohim, but through Yeshua, our **sins are forgiven**, and we have been made **alive**.

With **new life** comes a **new way** of living. The old ways of life pertain to worldly sinful activities **should be** done away.

Colossians 2:13 CJB

(13) You were **dead because of your sins**, that is, because of your **"foreskin,"** your old nature. But God made you **alive** along with the Messiah by **forgiving** you all your sins.

Since we are **alive** with the messiah, Paul goes on to explain **how this is accomplished**. It was accomplished by what Yeshua, did on the cross. He paid the price for our freedom

Colossians 2:14 [Hallelujah Scriptures]

(14) having blotted out that which was written by **hand against us** – by the **dogmas** [**regulations, ordinance or decrees**]- which stood against us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the stake.

Some believe this to mean that the **law** was nailed to the cross with Yeshua. Therefore, it is no longer effective. However, since this applies to **both** Jews and gentiles alike, and since the **law (Torah)** was given to the Jews only, this must apply to something else that **includes** gentiles also.

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It was customary when a **criminal** was crucified to have the charges against him nailed to the cross with him. As in the case of Yeshua in **Matthew 27:37**

Matthew 27:37 TLV

(37) Over His head they put the charge against Him, which read: "THIS IS YESHUA, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Yeshua was charged by the Romans with being the **king of the Jews**. However, he should have **correctly** been charged with "**HE BORE THE SINS OF ALL HUMANITY**".

1 Peter 2:24 CJB

(24) He himself **bore our sins** in his body on the stake, so that we might die to sins and **live** for righteousness—by his wounds you were healed.

The hand-written ordinance that applies to both Jews and gentiles has to do **with sin**. It has to do with the **death penalty for sin**.

Therefore, **the decree** condemning humanity to death for their sins, was erased or blotted out because it was **no longer necessary**. All those animal sacrifices, that was made **for sin**, was only a **temporary covering**. They all pointed to Yeshua, Yahweh's lamb who sacrificed himself for all humanity.

The Torah were call **a schoolmaster or tutor**, or one who **drives boys to school**, so they can be taught.

According to the Greek word used for **schoolmaster**, [ahee-dag-o-gos']

The **Torah** acted as a **boy leader**, that is, a **servant** whose office it was to take the children to school.

The **sacrificial torah** was meant to bring man to the **real** sacrifice, Yeshua. The death of the animal was only to carry man over until the **death of Yeshua** took place.

Yeshua took our place **in death**. Therefore, He erased it, he blotted it out because it has become obsolete. It was no longer necessary. And the **perpetrators**, the **principalities and the authorities**, who held us captive, **Yeshua stripped** of their authority over us.

Colossians 2:15 CJB

(15) Having stripped the **principalities and the authorities**, He made a public display of them, having **prevailed** over them in it.

Paul said in Romans 5:12-14-

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Romans 5:12-14 CJB

(12) Here is how it works: it was through **one** individual that **sin** entered the world, and through sin, **death**; and in this way death passed through to the **whole human race**, inasmuch as **everyone** sinned.

(13) **Sin** was indeed present in the world **before Torah** was given, but sin is not counted as such when there is no Torah.

(14) Nevertheless death **ruled** from **Adam until Moshe**, even over those whose sinning was **not exactly** like Adam's violation of a direct command. In this, Adam prefigured the one who was to come

Romans 5:17-18 CJB

(17) For if, because of the offense of one man, **death** ruled through that one man; how much more will those receiving the overflowing grace, that is, the gift of being **considered righteous**, rule in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah!

(18) In other words, just as it was through **one offense** that **all** people came under condemnation, so also it is through **one righteous act** that all people come to be considered righteous.

Romans 5:20 TLV

(20) Now the **Torah** came in so that **transgression might increase**. But where **sin increased**, grace overflowed even more—

Romans 7:8-10 CJB

(8) But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, worked in me **all kinds of evil desires**—for **apart from Torah, sin is dead**.

(9) I was once alive outside the framework of Torah. But when the commandment really encountered me, sin sprang to life,

(10) and I died. The commandment that was intended to bring me life was **found to be bringing me death!**

The death penalty was on the head of all humanity. We all were doomed to die. But Yahweh sent his **son to die in our place**, thus freeing us from that penalty.

Yeshua accomplished that which was necessary to **redeem us**. He set us free from the **Torah of sin and death**.

Romans 8:2 CJB

(2) Why? Because the **Torah of the Spirit**, which produces this **life** in union

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with Messiah Yeshua, has **set me free** from the "**Torah**" of **sin and death**.

Since we **are set free**, there is no need to be placed **under bondage** to man-made laws and **tradition**.

Therefore, Paul **warns** in verse **16 of Colossians 2,**

Colossians 2:16 CJB

(16) So don't let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking, or in regard to **a** Jewish festival or **Rosh-Hodesh** or **Shabbat**.

Colossians 2:16 is directly connected with Colossians 2:8. Which warns believers, against being deceived into "following human **tradition**."

Colossians 2:8 CJB

Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of **philosophy** and empty deceit, following **human tradition** which accords with the **elemental** spirits of the world but **does not accord** with the Messiah.

The Colossian **heresy** involved not only **Gnostic** elements and **Jewish** initiation requirements that is spoken of in Colossians 2:11-15, but there were also **Jewish-legalistic** rules being applied to **Gentiles** which according to Colossians 2:23 has **no value at all in restraining people from indulging their old nature**.

Colossians 2:16

(16) So don't let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking, or in regard to **a** Jewish festival or **Rosh-Hodesh** [new moon] or **Shabbat**

This is a Jewish tradition of **new moon** observant which has no value at all to **gentile believes**. This verse is **not speaking** of **Yahweh festivals**, which he required his people to meet with him in celebration, because **gentiles'** **proselytes** are permitted to observe those festivals alone with the Jews.

Leviticus 23:2 LEB

(2) "Speak to the Israelites, and say to them, 'The **festivals of Yahweh** that you shall proclaim *are* holy assemblies; these *are* **my** appointed times.

Notice, Paul does not say festivals, **plural**, but festival, **singular**. Which indicates he is referring to only one festival. The festival of the **new moon**, or **Rosh-Hodesh**.

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According to: [**Judaism 101 encyclopedia**]

In Hebrew, Rosh Chodesh means, literally, "head of the month" or "**first** of the month." Rosh Chodesh is the **first day** of any new month.

In ancient times, Rosh Chodesh was a **significant festival day**. At that time, the new months were determined by observation. Each month began when the first sliver of moon became visible after the dark of the moon.

Observers would watch the **sky at night** for any sign of the moon. If they saw the moon, they would report their sightings to the **Sanhedrin**. If two independent, reliable eyewitnesses confirmed that the new moon had appeared and described it consistently, the Sanhedrin would declare the **new month** and send out messengers to tell people when the month began. The day **after** the moon appeared was a **festival**, announced with the sounding of the shofar, commemorated with solemn convocations, **family festivities and special sacrifices**.

The **Shabbat** before Rosh Chodesh is known as Shabbat Mevarekhim, which means "the **Sabbath of blessing**." After the Torah reading in the Shabbat service, the prayer leader holds the Torah scroll, **recites a blessing** hoping for a good month, then announces the day of the upcoming week when the new month will begin and the **name** of the new month.

Based in this explanation, it seems **more reasonable** that Paul is speaking of this **one** festival of **new moon** with its accomplishing **shabbath celebration** that the **legalistic** Jews were imposing on gentiles' believers.

Because the context of this passage is about manmade **tradition**. these were Jewish traditional laws which had nothing to do with the **body of the Messiah**, the congregation. They had nothing **to do with** our redemption or our ability to live free from sin. Whereas, the feast of Passover, is all about redemption, and Yahweh said it was to be celebrated **forever as a memorial** to him

Colossians 2:17

(17) These are a **shadow** of things that are coming, but the **body** is of the Messiah.

Colossians 1:18 CJB

(18) Also he is **head of the Body**, the Messianic Community—he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might hold first place in everything.

These are festival which are a shadow of what **is to come**, not what **has come**. Our main concern should be to Remain **deeply rooted** in the Messiah;

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to be continue **being built** up in him.

The messiah has come **in the flesh** and have redeemed us and rescued us from the domains of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. [[Colossians 1:12-14](#)]

We are kingdom citizens. Sons and daughters of the **most-high El**, El Elyon. This **world should hold no attraction for us**. We look forward to receiving the prize of the high calling of Elohim

Philippians 3:14 [[Halleluyah Scriptures](#)]

(14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah Yeshua.

However, if we **give in to the temptation** of manmade rules and regulations and participate in false worship which is steeped in pride and false humility, we **might miss** out on this prize.

Remember what Paul said in chapter 1:21-23

Colossians 1:21-23 CJB

(21) In other words, you, who at one time were **separated from God** and had a hostile attitude towards him because of your wicked deeds,

(22) **he has now reconciled in the Son's physical body through his death**; in order to present you holy and without defect or reproach before himself—

(23) **provided, of course**, that you **continue in your trusting**, grounded and steady, and don't let yourselves be moved away from the hope offered in the Good News you heard.

You have been saved, reconciled and set free from sin by Yeshua.

Colossians 2:18-19 [[Halleluyah Scriptures](#)]

(18) Let no one **deprive** you of the **prize**, one who takes delight in **false humility** and worship of messengers, taking his stand on what he has not seen, **puffed up by his fleshly mind**,

(19) and not **holding fast to the Head**, from whom **all the Body** – nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments – grows with the growth of Elohim.

We must hold fast to **the head** of the congregation, Yeshua. We must draw our nourishment from him. We must not be like Israel was in **Isaiah** days.

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Isaiah 29:13 [Halleluyah Scriptures]

(13) And Yahweh says, "... this people has drawn near with its mouth, and with its lips they have esteemed Me, and it has kept its heart far from Me, and their fear of Me **has become a command of men that is taught!**

No matter how real or how true **false tradition doctrine** and false worship **may seem**, if Yeshua is not the center of it, if it is **not based** on the solid word of Elohim, it is an **entrapment**, which will **Disqualify** You from receiving the prize that is laid up for you in heaven.

We have so many manmade traditions that have been handed down to us. We have become so accustomed to them, that we immediately **resist**, and do not **accept the truth**.

I was listening to a lesson taught by one **of our ministers a few** years ago. He taught on the true date of the messiah resurrection. He showed the congregation from the scriptures that to celebrated Easter, is false.

However, there were some in the congregation who, **though acknowledged that what he said was true**, was not willing to let go of their tradition. They chose rather to hold on to what they have been accustomed to traditionally. The traditional **manmade** holiday, which has nothing to do with messiah's resurrection, but honors a pagan deity. They chose to disregard the date that **Yahweh** instituted for his son to be crucified.

This is what **Paul** is warning the Colossians believers about.

You **really** need to think about that today, **sons and daughters of the Most High**.

Paul said that we can avoid being led into legalism, we must allow our roots go down deeply in messiah.

Colossians 2:6-7 CJB

(6) **Therefore**, just as you received the Messiah Yeshua as Lord, **keep living** your life **united** with him.

(7) **Remain deeply rooted in him**; continue being **built up in him** and confirmed in your trust, the way you were taught, so that you **overflow** in thanksgiving.

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Lesson Seven [part Two] Let No One Disqualify You Colossians 2:16, 17-18

The congregation in Colosse was in danger of missing out on the prize of Yahweh. Because there were some legalistic Judeans who were teaching that faith in Yeshua was not enough. That the gentile believers must also keep the **traditional** feast of New moon with its accompanying Sabbaths.

Colossians 2:16 TS2009

(16) Let no one therefore judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a festival or **a new moon or Sabbaths** –

Notice Paul said **Sabbaths**, plural. Sabbath means a day of rest, and Israel observed many Sabbaths in connection to their feast days. However, not all the feast that Israel celebrated was appointed by Elohim. There were some feasts that originated by the Jews themselves. These were the **Jewish** traditional festivals that had nothing to do with gentiles' believer. Gentiles could choose whether to participate, but those feasts had nothing to do with one ability to live a godly life.

Paul did not say in, respect to **the** Sabbath. If he had said the Sabbath, we probably would be **justified** in saying the gentiles don't need to observe the sabbath. Some even say, "**we don't need to keep the Jewish sabbath**". But I ask you, **is it really the Jewish sabbath?**

The **seventh** day sabbath **did not** originate with Israel, but at the time of creation, when Elohim rested from his work of creation.

Genesis 2:2-3 [Hallelujah Scriptures]

(2) And in the seventh day Elohim completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

(3) And Elohim **blessed the seventh day** and set it apart, because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim in creating had made.

If the sabbath is a **covenant** between Israel and Yahweh, and if gentile believer, are now **one** with Israel, enjoying **equal standing with them**, why are we still Separating ourselves from our Jewish believers?

Why are we **still calling it the Jewish sabbath, which has nothing to do with us?**

Is it **not** because we **to** have fallen **victims** of man- made **traditions**.

Numbers 15:29

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Say one law applies to all

Paul said in

Romans 11:17-18 CJB

(17) But if some of the branches were broken off, and you—**a wild olive**—were **grafted in** among them and have become **equal sharers** in the **rich root** of the olive tree,

(18) then **don't boast** as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember that **you are not supporting the root**, the root is supporting you.

Ephesians 3:6 CJB

(6) that **in union with the Messiah** and through the Good News the **Gentiles were to be joint heirs**, a **joint body** and **joint sharers** with the Jews in what God has promised.

Apparently, those who teach **replacement theology**, that the gentiles have replace Israel in Elohim's promises, did not read **Romans 11:17-18 and Ephesians 3:6**.

There is a big different in **equal sharing**, **joint sharers**, and **replacement**.

Equal and joint meant we are in this together, whereas replacement, means Jews are out and gentiles are in.

It is this **theology** that has shaped the **minds** of many believes today and have blinded them to the purpose of Yahweh.

Which was to breakdown the **dividing** wall between the Jews and the gentiles and make us **one** congregation.

Ephesians 2:14-15 CJB

(14) For he [Messiah] himself is our shalom—he has made **us both one** and has broken down the wall which divided us

(15) He did this in order to create in union with himself **from** the two groups a **single new** humanity and thus make shalom,

According to **Josephus**, the Jewish historian, in Paul day, Surrounding the Temple was a wall with a sign "**which forbade any foreigner to go in, on pain of death**"

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Antiquities of the Jews book 15:chapter 11:5;

"In the midst of which, and not far from it, was the second, to be gone up to by a few steps: this was encompassed by a stone wall for a partition, with an inscription, which forbade any foreigner to go in under pain of death".

However, even though Yeshua has torn down that wall and has brought us all together we are still trying to rebuild that wall.

Colossians 1:19-20 CJB

(19) For it pleased God to have his full being live in his Son

(20) and through his Son to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace through him, through having his Son shed his blood by being executed on a stake.

Therefore, the sabbaths that Paul warned the Colossian believers against getting caught up in, which *have no value at all in restraining people from indulging their old nature. [Colossians 2:23]* are the man-made traditional sabbaths. Not the seventh day sabbath of Yahweh.

It was about 330 years after the crucifixion of Yeshua, in the year of 363-364, that the catholic church officially changed the day of rest from Saturday to Sunday. Until then, both Jews and gentiles rested on the seventh day, Elohim's set aside day.

Unless we understand this fact, we will continue to believe that Paul is instruction the congregation not to keep the Sabbath day holy.

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(16) So don't let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking,

Paul is probable referring to the Jewish religious dietary kosha laws. In Levitical chapter 11 and Deuteronomy chapter 14 Yahweh gave Israel a list of clean and unclean animals that they were permitted to eat.

Kosha means food that can be eaten according to the Torah.

In addition, there were also some Jewish oral Rabbinical dietary laws that were in force at that time.

For example, kosha wine is included in the Rabbinical dietary laws, not in the original list of acceptable foods given by Yahweh. Neither, gentiles nor Jews, adhere to those strict dietary laws today. However,

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I believe that we **must** use common sense where our diet is concern and avoid those things that are **detrimental** to our health.

The **bottom line** of what Paul is saying is **-don't, get so caught up** with a lot of **rules and regulation**, that we lose sight of what is most important.

Colossians 2:20-22 CJB

(20) If, along with the Messiah, you died to the **elemental spirits** of the world, then why, as if you still belonged to the world, are you letting yourselves be bothered by **its rules?**—

(21) "Don't touch this!" "Don't **eat that!**" "Don't handle the other!"

(22) Such prohibitions are concerned with things meant to **perish by being used** [*not by being avoided!*], and they are based on **man-made rules and teachings**.

When we **allow** ourselves to come under a **yoke of man-made** rules and regulations, we **lose** our focus on Yeshua.

Colossians 2:8 CJB

(8) Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of philosophy and **empty** deceit, following **human tradition** which accords with the elemental spirits of the world but does **not accord** with the Messiah.

Human tradition divides the congregation and Promotes **pride** and **empty** deceit.

That is why Paul prayed that we would be bonded together in love.

Colossians 2:2 CJB

(2) My purpose is that they may be encouraged, **that they may be joined together in love**, and that they may have all the riches derived from being assured of understanding and fully knowing God's secret truth, which is—the Messiah!

When we are joined together in love, and when we **keep seeking the things above**—where Messiah is, sitting at the right hand of God.

We will not easily be led astray by those who are puffed up by their **world outlook**.

Colossians 2:19 CJB

(19) They fail to hold to the Head, from whom the whole Body, receiving supply and being held together by its joints and ligaments, grows as God makes it grow.